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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRG OBSERVER STATUS AT WORLD METEROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION CONGRESS

REF: STATE 10509

1. DCM MADE DEMARCHE WITH COUNSELLOR MINFORAFF JAN 20 AND WITH PERMSEC JAN 22. PERMSEC SPECULATED THAT GUYANA'S LIKELY OPTIONS WHERE EITHER VOTE FOR PRG OBSERVER STATUS OR TO ABSTAIN, ON BASIS GUYANA'S RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR PRG AS MEMBER THIRD WORLD GROUP. COUNSELLOR REQUESTED EMBOFF TO PUT U.S. ARGUMENTS PRESENTED ORALLY AND FACTS IN AIDE MEMOIRE, WHICH HE PROMISED TO CAREFULLY STUDY AND DISCUSS WITH MINISTER. AIDE MEMOIRE SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN TO COUNSELLOR, INCLUDING COMMENT BASED ON STATE 10509 THAT ABSTENTION MAY HAVE SAME EFFECT AS FAVORABLE VOTE.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PRG AS RECEIVED UNDER COVER RECENT AIGRAM WAS ATTACHED.

2. AS USUAL, GUYANA SEEMS LIKELY TO VOTE AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS. WE GAVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO WHETHER WE SHOULD EVEN
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RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH GOG, GIVEN SMALL LIKELIHOOD OF GOG SUPPORT

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ON ISSUES OF THIS NATURE AND GIVEN POSSIBILITY THAT GOG MIGHT OTHER WISE HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO BALLOT THROUGH ITS BEING OVERLOOKED IN THE SHUFFLE OF MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS IN THIS SMALL AND OVER-WORKED FOREIGN OFFICE. IF GOG RESPONSE IS, IN FACT, CONTRARY TO OUR POSITION, WE WILL BE INCLINED ON FUTURE MATTERS OF THIS NATURE DELIBERATELY TO REFRAINFROM MAKING REQUESTED DEMARCHE AND WILL SO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT.
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